

**ABSTRACT**

A centrifuge tube that is compressively flattenable by manual force exerted on opposing surfaces thereof. The centrifuge tube is formed with integral hinge elements at opposing sides thereof. The centrifuge tube of such configuration may be employed as a component of a kit including one or more swab elements, for collection of specimens, forensic evidence, and the like. The swab element may be subjected to squeeze-out action by withdrawing the swab through the slot formed by compressive flattening of the tube, so that the amount of collected material transferred to the tube for subsequent centrifugation processing is maximized.